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BEGIN SUMMARY: ASGHAR KHAN, PIR PAGARO, WALI
KHAN CONTINUE SHARP ATTACKS ON BUGTI PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENT WHILE BUGTI RESPONDS, USING WELL- WORN
LINE. BOTH SIDES IN CONFLICT CALL FOR FACT- FINDING
TOURS OF PROVINCE TO ASSESS SITUATION. RELIEF SUPPLIES
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AIR DROPPED INTO MARRI AREA. USUAL LAW AND ORDER PROBLEMS CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

1. TEHRIK- I- ISTIQLAL LEADER ASGHAR KHAN TOLD NEWSMEN IN KARACHI MAY 23 THAT A SITUATION REMINISCENT OF EAST PAKISTAN WAS BEING CREATED IN BALUCHISTAN AND CALLED FOR FACT- FINDING TOUR AND WITHDRAWAL OF ARMY, WARNING THAT ARMY' S ABSENCE FROM PUNJAB WOULD WEAKEN THAT PROVINCE. ASGHAR CALLED GOVERNMENT IN BALUCHISTAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLITICAL SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND QUICKLY TO PROBLEMS OF PROVINCE. UDF LEADER PIR PAGARO ECHOED ASGHAR KHAN' S MAY 24 CALL FOR FACT- FINDING MISSION TO BALUCHISTAN, COMPOSED OF CHIEF OF STAFF OF PAKISTAN ARMY, SUPREME COURT JUDGE, " NEUTRAL POLITICIAN OF REPUTE AND INTEGRITY", AND KHAIR BUX MARRI.

2. GOVERNOR BUGTI RESPONDED TO NAP ATTACK AT QUETTA PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 24, ACCUSING WALI KHAN, BIZENJO, MENGAL, AND MARRI OF TRYING TO BREAK UP COUNTRY AND OF SEEKING FOREIGN GUIDANCE, FUNDS, AND ARMS TO PROMOTE THEIR AIMS. BUGTI DENIED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD LAUNCHED AIR ATTACKS AGAINST DISSIDENTS AND RESURRECTED LAS BELA INCIDENT TO CHARGE BIZENJO, MENGAL WITH TERRORIZING PROVINCE WHILE THEY WERE IN POWER. HE REITERATED CHARGES THAT MENGAL' S BROTHER AND SON WERE CURRENTLY " SPEARHEADING" TERRORISTS IN MARRI TRIBAL BELT AND JHALAWAN AREA, AND MAINTAINED THAT REMAINDER OF PROVINCE WAS PEACEFUL. A GROUP OF NEWSMEN WOULD BE TAKEN TO PROVINCE IN NEAR FUTURE TO PROVE THAT CONDITIONS WERE NORMAL, BUGTI PROMISED. HE CHARGED THAT NAP GOVERNMENT HAD MEANT CHAOS IN BALUCHISTAN BUT DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN RESTORED UNDER PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

3. NAP CHIEF WALI KHAN ARRIVED QUETTA MAY 26, ACCOMPANIED BY BALUCHISTAN EX- GOVERNOR BIZENJO, AND TOLD NEWSMEN ON ARRIVAL THAT HE HAD COME TO ASSESS CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE AND TO LAY FACTS BEFORE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WALI DEPLORED BUGTI REGIME' S USE OF MILITARY METHODS TO SOLVE POLITICAL PROBLEM AND REMINDED NAP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORKERS OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO SEPARATION OF EAST WING. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT NAP SECESSIONISM, WALI SAID THAT SUCH ALLEGATIONS WERE NOT NEW AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY WERE NOW BEING MADE BY PERSONS WHO WERE THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING UP COUNTRY.

4. " RELIEF SUPPLIES", INCLUDING RADIO SETS AND TRANSISTORS

WERE REPORTEDLY AIR DROPPED INTO MARRI TERRITORY MAY 28 AND DISTRIBUTED AT MAIWAND, ABOUT 60 MILES FROM SIBI. NECESSITY OF AIRDROPPING SUPPLIES UNCLEAR AS IT SEEMS SUPPLIES COULD HAVE BEEN DELIVERED BY ROAD IF CONVOY ADEQUATELY GUARDED. POSSIBLE THAT BALUCHISTAN

GOVERNMENT CHOSE DRAMATIC GESTURE TO HIGHLIGHT BOTH MARRI LAWLESSNESS AND BUGTI GOVERNMENT'S READINESS SPRING TO AID OF ITS VICTIMS.

5. FOUR POLICE CONSTABLES WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED MAY 26 IN INCIDENT WHICH HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN LINKED WITH VIOLENCE ATTENDING CURRENT POLITICAL JOCKEYING IN PROVINCE, THOUGH POSSIBLE BOTH SIDES WILL LATER SEEK USE INCIDENT TO PROMOTE RESPECTIVE VIEWPOINTS. CONSTABLES WERE AMONG PARTY OF 40 ESCORTING POLICE OFFICIAL TRAVELING FROM KOHA TO KHUZDAR WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED BY " MIS-CREANTS", ALL OF WHOM REPORTEDLY ESCAPED FOLLOWING ATTACK.

6. GOB ANNOUNCED THAT SIX ARRESTS MADE MAY 25 IN CONNECTION WITH TANDORI KILLING OF DIR SCOUTS (REF B).
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